



PATENT

Case Docket No. QUICKPS.003A

Date: October 11, 2000

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In re application of : Nobles  
App. No. : 09/607,845 ✓  
Filed : June 30, 2000  
For : SUTURING DEVICE  
Examiner : Unknown  
Art Unit : Unknown

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William H. Nieman, Reg. No. 30,201

## ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS FILED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	42	—	22	= 20 ×	\$9	= \$180.00
Independent Claims	6	—	5	= 1 ×	\$40	= \$ 40.00
If application has been amended to contain multiple dependent claim(s), then add					\$135	= \$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$220.00

(X) Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$220.00.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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#4RE AMEND  
aPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page ~~14~~, line 18, please replace "second inner cylinder 327" with --second outer cylinder 328--.

On page ~~14~~, line 19, please replace "second outer cylinder 328" with --second inner cylinder 327--.

IN THE CLAIMS:Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) A medical instrument having a longitudinal axis, the medical instrument comprising:
- a proximal portion comprising a first actuating member;
  - an elongate distal portion comprising a mechanism that mechanically interacts with body tissue; and

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